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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Provides information on the following non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: Oasis Open City Foundation (FOCA), International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and International Investment Center (IIC).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGOs is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the application of, and information on, the three NGOs referred to in the annex to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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OASIS OPEN CITY FOUNDATION (FOCA)

Historical background

FOCA was founded in 1989 in order to promote the concept of the open city as a place of reconciliation of the cultural values of civil society, such as environment, social cohesion, economic growth and access to services for everybody. FOCA develops programmes, projects and activities so as to improve the quality of life and facilitate the harmonic integration of human beings with nature, economic growth and the environment.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- General Assembly
- Administrative Council
- Fiscal Council
- Consultative Council
- Honours Council
- Executive Directors

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

FOCA focuses on sustainable territorial development and educational programmes carried out especially in rural municipalities and areas. Within that context, it implements projects and programmes in the following areas:

- Agriculture development: One of FOCA's most significant projects is Biopolis, a local development initiative aiming at the revitalization of the state of Paraná. Biopolis is developing a sustainable agriculture and food-processing industry and converting local resources into saleable products and services, while creating a quality trademark of the area so as to promote products and services. Furthermore, an overall strategy, capable of integrating and interlinking sectors of activities and local players, has been designed;
- Territorial enhancement and development: Important initiatives are Guaraqueçaba laboratory park, Amazon programme, national consortium for recycling, Open City Certification (OCC) and the Brasilia Declaration on Rural Municipalities Sustainability;
- Environment and research: The project of ecological studies of long duration (PLOT) and carbon sequestration studies address ecosystems;
- Education: FOCA undertakes activities in the field of communities' empowerment and educational programmes for citizen and child development. It established the University for the Future providing a post-graduate programme for teachers and technical specialization courses;
- Health and safety: A health bank was established to provide poor communities with basic health services.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

ECOSOC (consultative status), UNESCO, FAO.

Relations with NGOs

Relations with: Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD), Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, Florida University, Columbia University, Rome University, International Network of Biennial International Environmental Communication Conference (BICA).

Membership

Individuals and NGOs in Angola, Brazil, Italy and Portugal. Membership is open to companies.

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ICTSD)

Historical background

ICTSD was founded in 1996, to contribute to a better understanding of development and environment concerns in the context of international trade.

It fosters sustainable development as the objective of international trade policy-making and participatory decision-making. It promotes the interests and activities of the non-governmental community in trade and sustainable development and endeavours to make international policy makers and trade officials aware of the NGO community's activities in the area of trade, development and environment.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- Governing Board
- Stakeholder Forum

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

ICTSD believes that industrial activities lie at the heart of many developing countries' development strategies as they provide invaluable opportunities for these countries to upgrade their activities from natural resource exploitation towards building value-added activities. ICTSD therefore:

- Facilitates interaction between policy makers and those outside the system to help trade policy become more supportive of sustainable development. This endeavour is pursued through informal off-the-record meetings, informal briefings, virtual dialogues, policy dialogues and large-scale conferences;
- Cooperates with various international agencies through collaborative reporting, active dissemination of outputs from those bodies and reporting on their activities, research-based initiatives and joint policy dialogue;
- Organizes a research, documentation and support services programme, which includes capacity-building and training for trade and sustainable development. It contributes to partner research and bringing trade and sustainability perspectives to discussion and policy-making forums. It also provides reports that factor sustainable development into trade issues;
- Pursues sector-specific projects that incorporate elements of each programme;
- Publishes monthly and weekly periodicals, books and ad hoc papers that communicate news and provide analyses.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

United Nations, ECOSOC (consultative status), UNCTAD, WIPO, WTO, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Relations with NGOs

Relations with Trade Knowledge Network, Frati Initiative on Intellectual Property and Development, Geneva Environment Network, Concerted Action on Trade and Environment, Gruppo Zapallar.

Membership

Founding members: Consumer Unity and Trust Society (India), Fundación Futuro Latinamericano (Ecuador),

International Institute for Sustainable Development (Canada), Swiss Coalition of Development Organizations (Switzerland), World Conservation Union (Switzerland).

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INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CENTER (IIC)

Historical background

IIC was registered as an international non-profit, non-governmental organization on 5 February 2001. Its general aims and purposes, as laid down in its charter, are: the provision of sustainable economic and democratic development on the basis of mutual benefit, development of small and medium-sized business and international business promotion, agro-industry, human rights protection, development of education and international understanding, youth employment, and support to United Nations activities.

Statutes

Available

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- Board of Directors
- President
- Director

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

IIC aims at enhancing inward and outward investment into and from the Russian Federation. IIC therefore:

- Implements research and educational activities, organizes seminars and fairs, trade missions and partner searches.
- Provides consulting on local and federal legislation, customs and tax regulations, transportation services;
- Provides contacts with local businessmen, local administration and political leaders;
- Implements market research and advertising;
- Provides translation services into English and Russian;
- Organizes business-tourism;
- Participates in international fairs;
- Provides authentic information services.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

UNECE, ECOSOC (special consultative status), UNCTAD/WTO Trade Point Programme, EBRD.

Relations with NGOs

Moscow Eastern Interregional Chamber of Commerce, Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, Agricultural Cooperative Development International/ International Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, Lombardy Chamber of Commerce, Milan Chamber of Commerce, Veneto Chamber of Commerce.

Membership

Individuals and non-profit organizations (see above) in Italy, India, Nepal, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and USA.

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